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(54) **TECHNOLOGIES FOR USING IMAGE ANALYSIS TO FACILITATE ADJUSTMENTS OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

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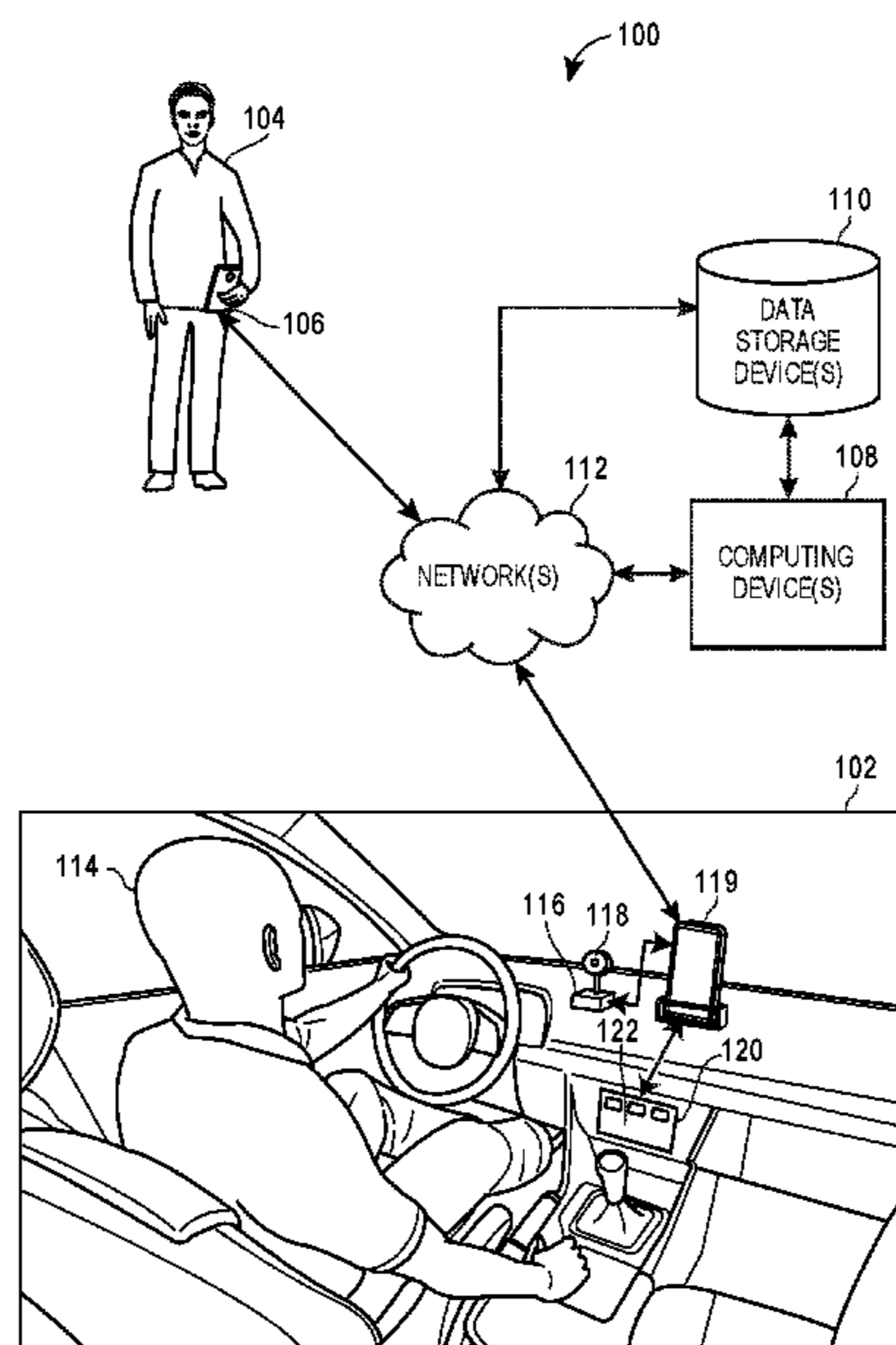
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Systems and methods for using image analysis techniques to facilitate adjustments to vehicle components are disclosed. According to aspects, a computing device may access and analyze image data depicting an individual(s) within a vehicle, and in particular determine a positioning of the individual(s) within the vehicle. Based on the positioning, the computing device may determine how to adjust a vehicle component(s) to its optimal configuration, and may facilitate adjustment of the vehicle component(s) accordingly.

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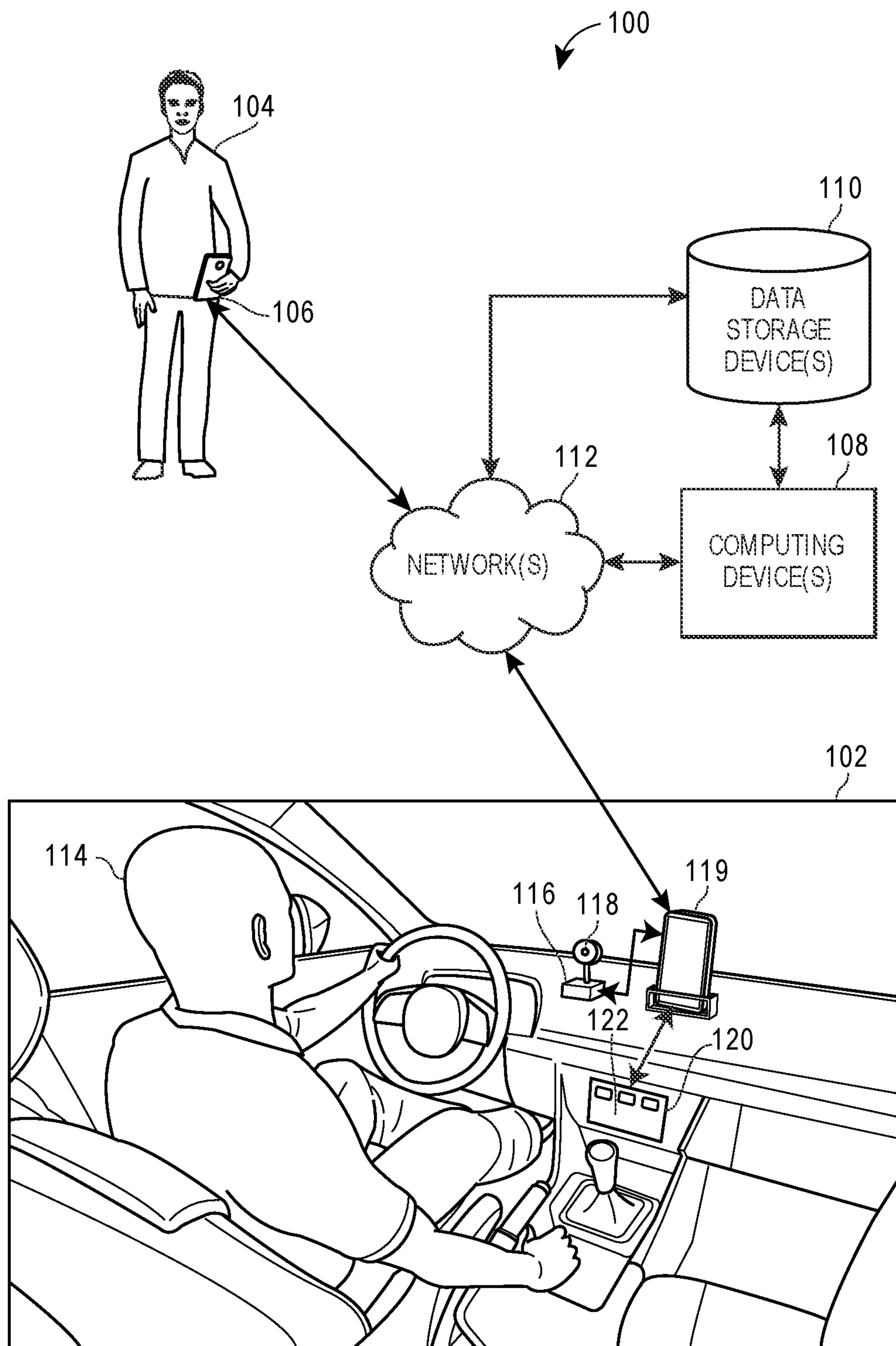


FIG. 1

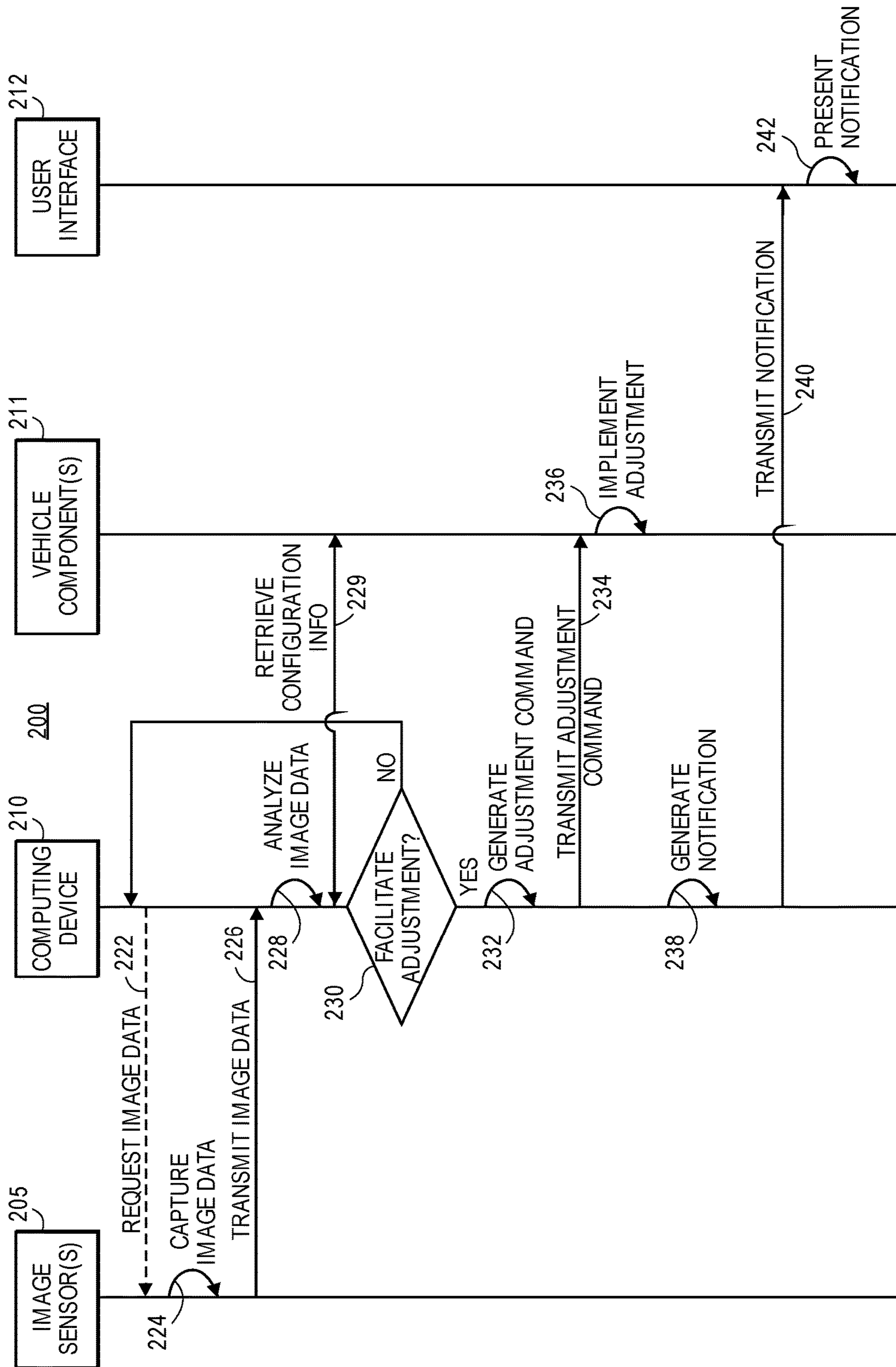


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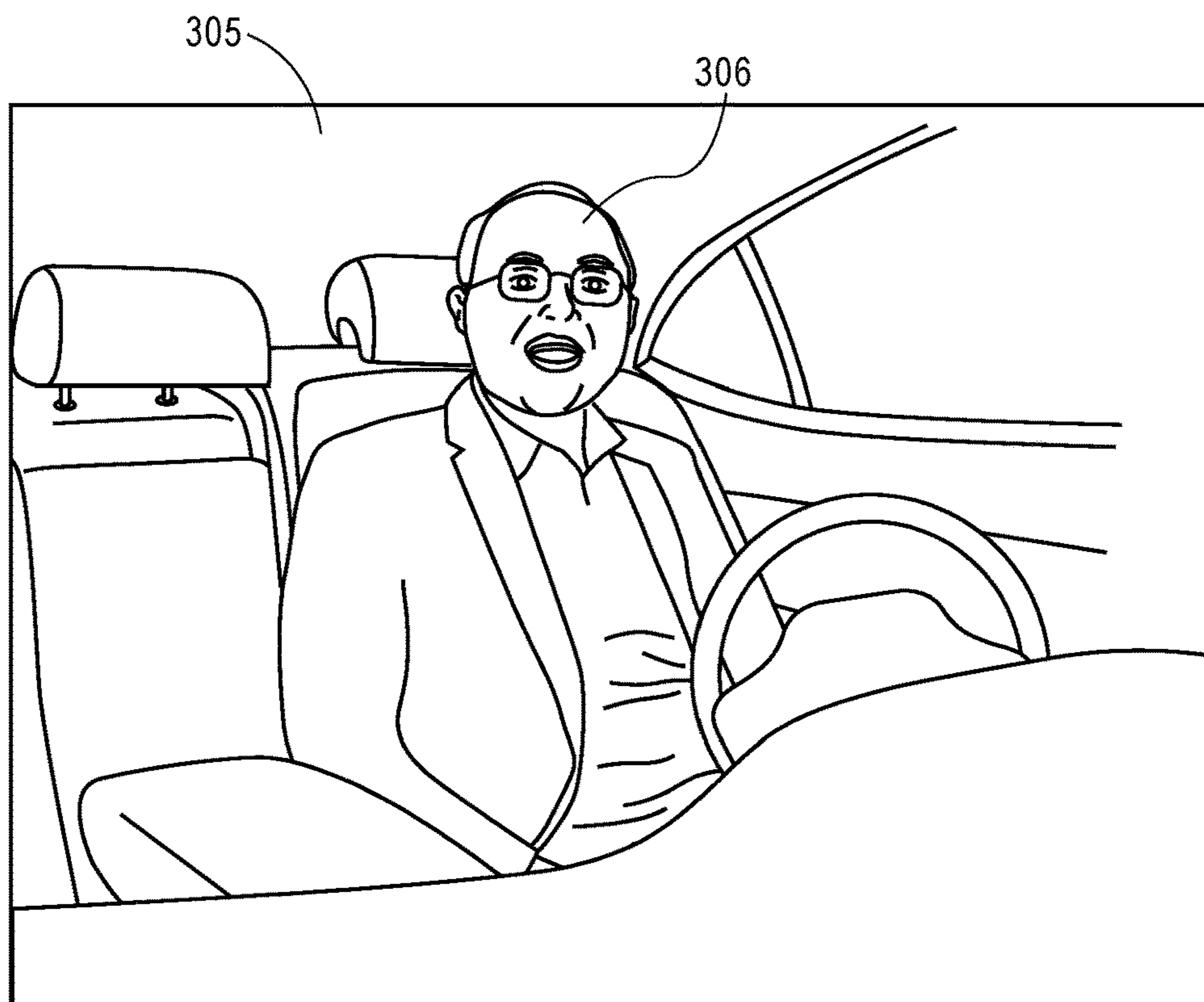


FIG. 3A

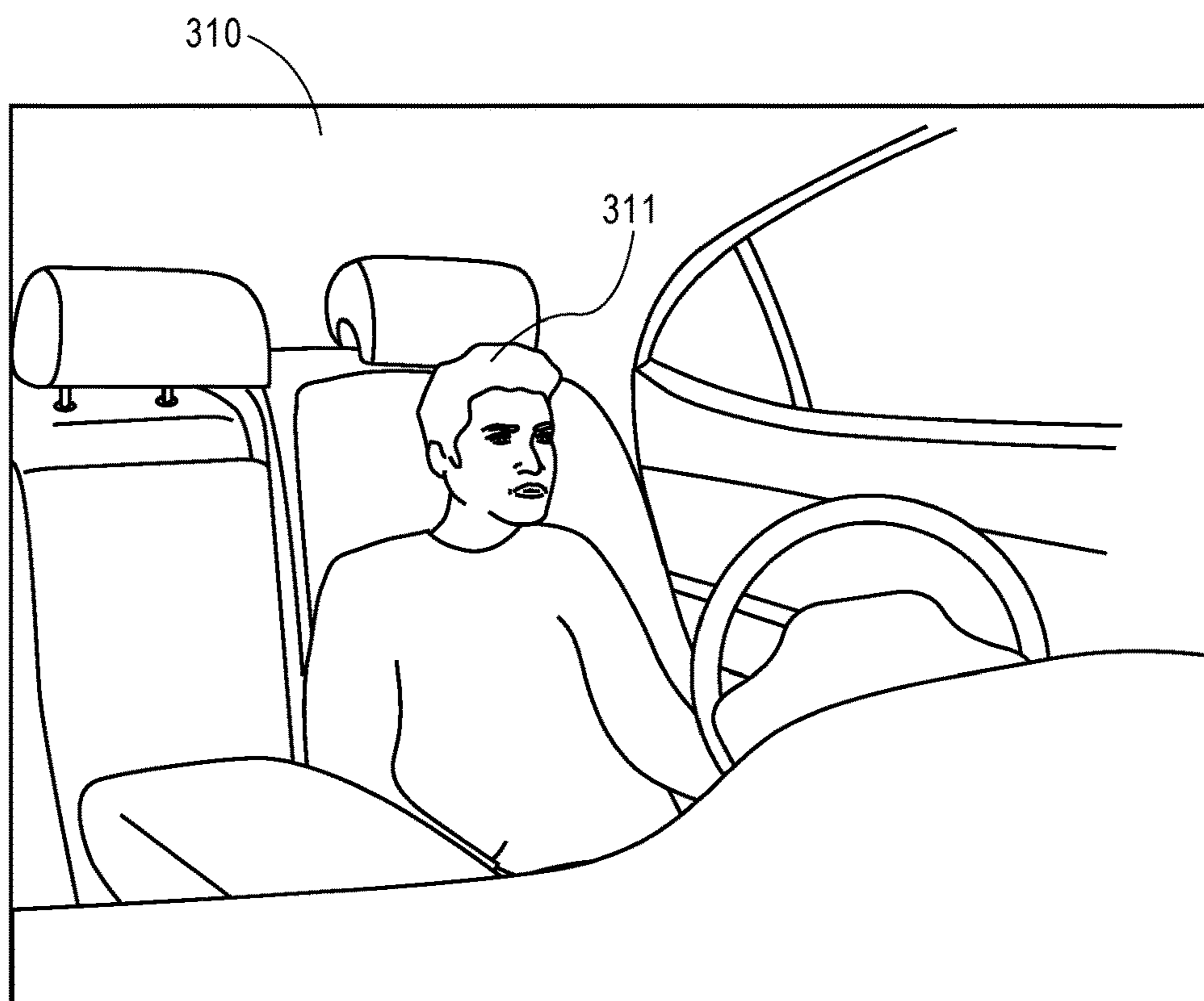


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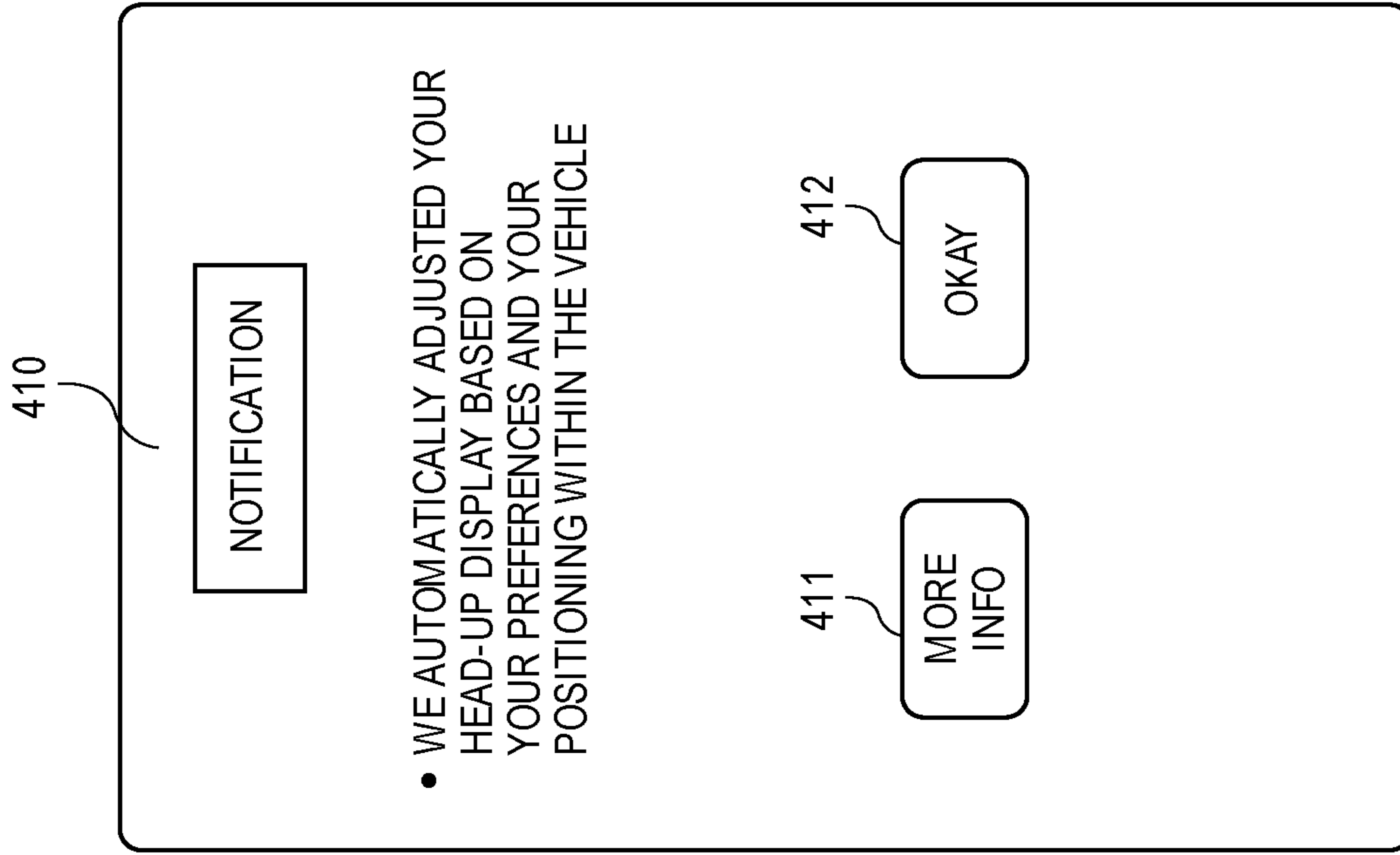


FIG. 4A

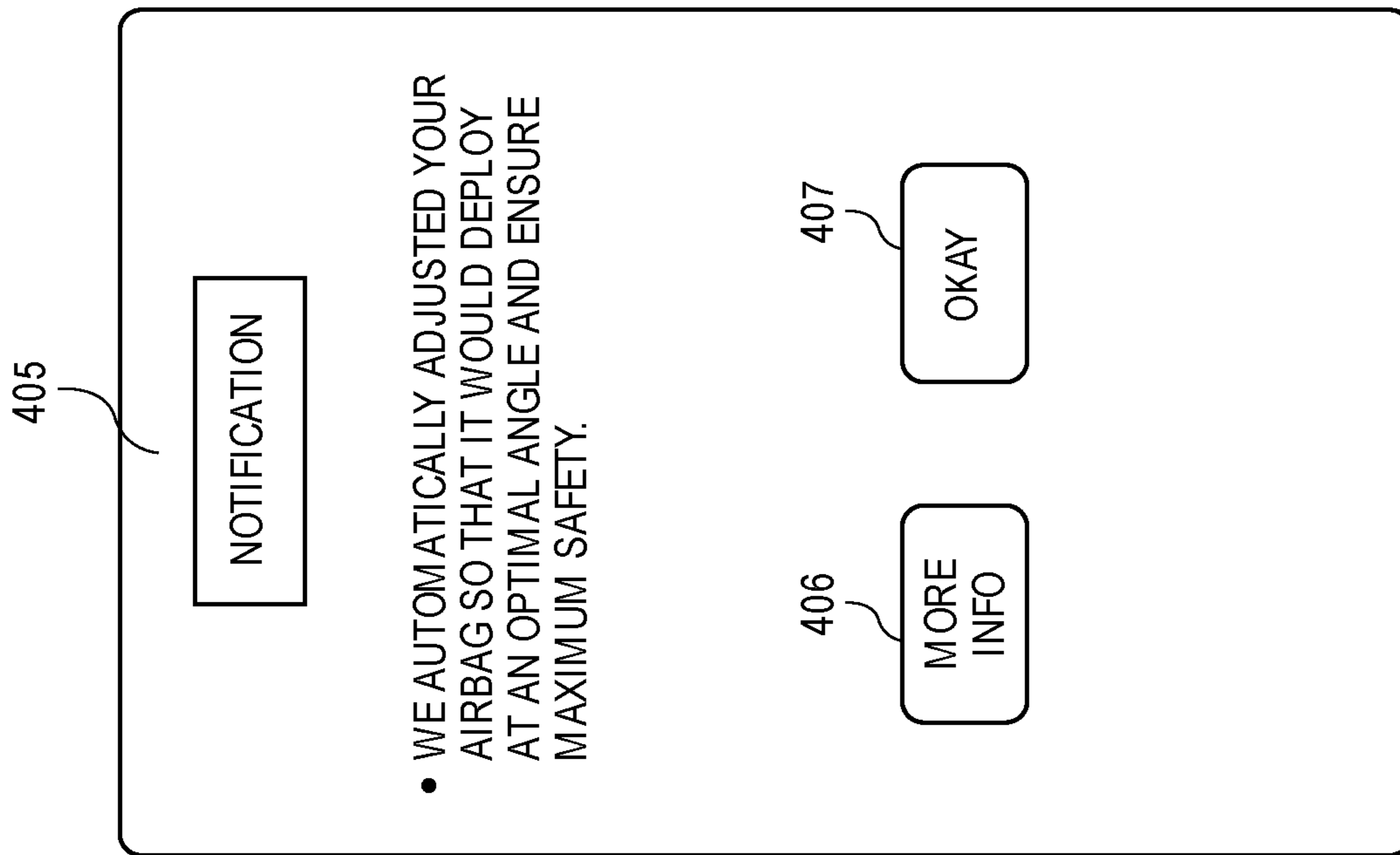


FIG. 4B

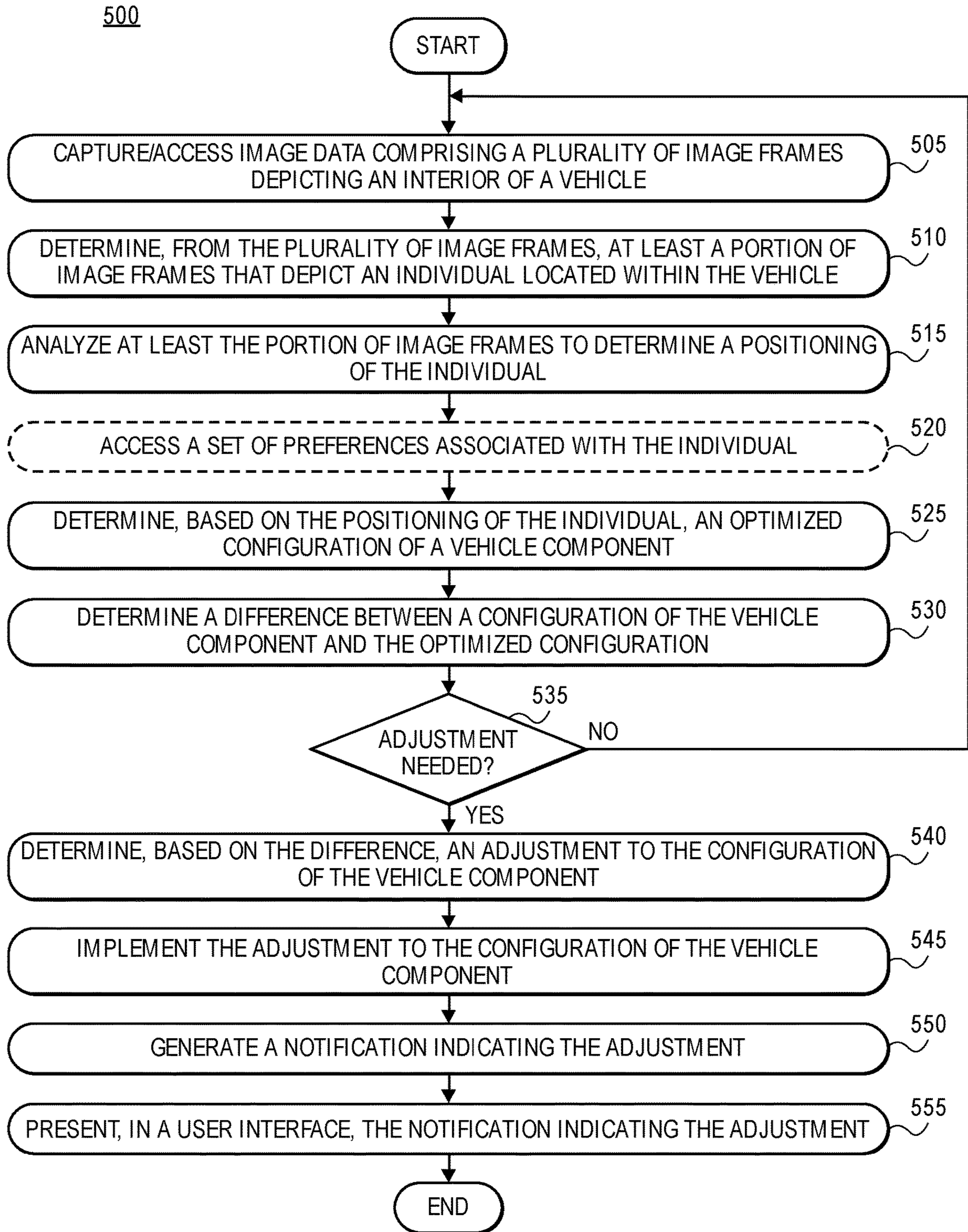


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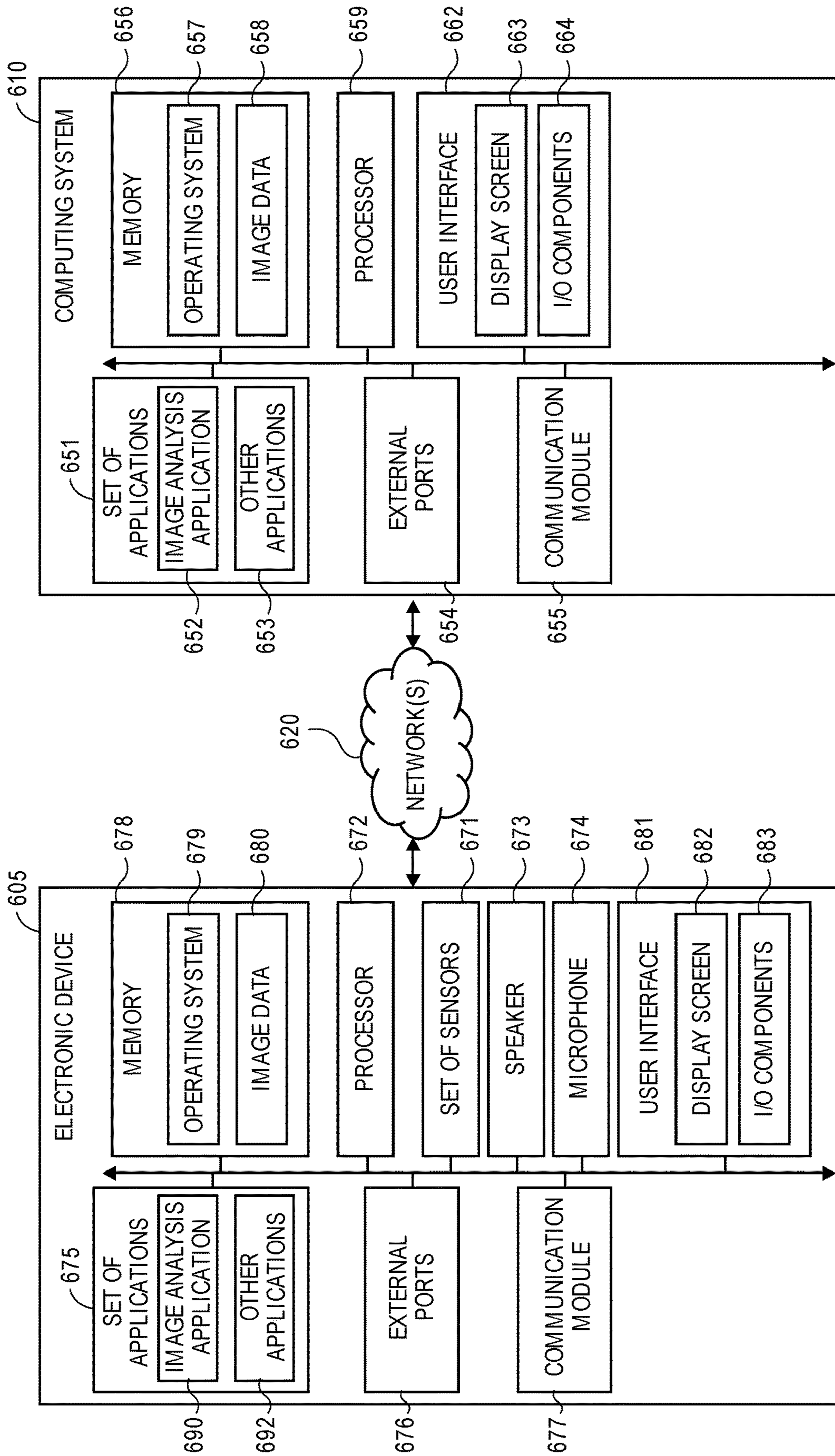


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ANALYSIS TO FACILITATE ADJUSTMENTS
OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

PRIORITY

This application is a continuation of, and claims priority to, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/969,501, filed on May 2, 2018, and is fully incorporated by reference herein.

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present disclosure is directed to image analysis technologies in association with vehicle components. In particular, the present disclosure is directed to systems and methods for using image analysis techniques to facilitate adjustments of vehicle components.

BACKGROUND

Individuals frequently operate or otherwise travel in vehicles, where the environments and conditions of the vehicle operation may be varied. Generally, vehicles may be equipped or configured with a plurality of different components that may enable and/or assist with the operation or ability to travel in the vehicles. For example, a vehicle typically includes a steering wheel, a driver's seat, a rear-view mirror, a head-up display (HUD), and/or other components. Additionally, each component may have a particular configuration. For example, a steering wheel has a height adjustment, a driver's seat has multiple position adjustments, and a rearview mirror has a swivel-based adjustment.

However, vehicles are often operated by and traveled in by multiple individuals, where the individuals vary in physical dimensions (e.g., height, weight, length, etc.). Thus, an individual's positioning within a vehicle varies among individuals, and accordingly the individual's interaction or positioning relative to the components varies among the individuals. Additionally, some individuals may neglect to adjust the components to an improved or optimized configuration, or may manually make adjustments which is tedious and can be a safety risk.

Therefore, there is an opportunity for techniques and technologies to using image analysis to automatically facilitate the adjustment of vehicle components.

SUMMARY

In an embodiment, a system for configuring components of a vehicle is provided. The system may include: at least one image sensor configured to capture image data, a vehicle component having a configuration, a non-transitory memory storing a set of computer-executable instructions, and a processor communicatively coupled to at least one image sensor, the vehicle component, and the memory. The processor may be configured to execute the computer-executable instructions to cause the processor to: access the image data from the at least one image sensor, the image data comprising a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of the vehicle, determine, from the plurality of image frames, at least a portion of image frames that depict an individual located within the vehicle, analyze at least the portion of image frames to determine a positioning of the individual within the vehicle, determine, based on the positioning of the individual within the vehicle, an adjustment to

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the configuration of the vehicle component, and cause the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the configuration.

In another embodiment, a method of configuring a vehicle component within a vehicle is provided, where the vehicle component may have a configuration. The method may include: accessing image data from at least one image sensor, the image data comprising a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of the vehicle, determining, from the plurality of image frames, at least a portion of image frames that depict an individual located within the vehicle, analyzing, by a computer processor, at least the portion of image frames to determine a positioning of the individual within the vehicle, determining, based on the positioning of the individual within the vehicle, an adjustment to the configuration of the vehicle component, and causing the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the configuration.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The figures described below depict various aspects of the system and methods disclosed herein. It should be understood that each figure depicts an embodiment of a particular aspect of the disclosed system and methods, and that each of the figures is intended to accord with a possible embodiment thereof. Further, wherever possible, the following description refers to the reference numerals included in the following figures, in which features depicted in multiple figures are designated with consistent reference numerals.

FIG. 1 depicts an overview of components and entities associated with the systems and methods, in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 2 depicts an example signal diagram associated with using image analysis to facilitate adjustment of vehicle components, in accordance with some embodiments.

FIGS. 3A and 3B illustrate example interfaces associated with processing image frames included in image data, in accordance with some embodiments.

FIGS. 4A and 4B illustrate example interfaces associated with notifying individuals of adjustments to vehicle components, in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 5 depicts a block diagram of an example method of configuring a vehicle component within a vehicle, in accordance with some embodiments.

FIG. 6 is a hardware diagram of an example electronic device and an example computing system, in accordance with some embodiments.

The figures depict various aspects of the present invention for purposes of illustration only. One skilled in the art will readily recognize from the following discussion that alternative embodiments of the structures and methods illustrated herein may be employed without departing from the principles of the invention described herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present embodiments may relate to, inter alia, using image analysis to determine adjustments to configurations of vehicle components, and effectively facilitating the adjustments. The present embodiments may further relate to effectively and efficiently generating and communicating notifications or alerts of the component adjustments to appropriate individuals.

According to certain aspects, systems and methods may capture image data including a plurality of image frames depicting a portion(s) of a vehicle. The systems and methods

may identify those of the image frames that depict one or more individuals who are located within the vehicle. The vehicle may be configured with one or more vehicle components (e.g., HUD, rearview mirror, infotainment, etc.) used or accessible by the individual(s), where each vehicle component may have a current configuration. In analyzing the image frames, the systems and methods may facilitate one or more assessments in an effort to determine a positioning of the individual within the vehicle, as well as determine an optimized configuration of a vehicle component based on the individual's positioning.

The systems and methods may further determine an adjustment to make to the vehicle component to transition from the current configuration to the optimized configuration, and may perform certain actions to facilitate the adjustment. Additionally, the systems and methods may generate an alert or notification in response to facilitating the adjustment, and may cause the alert or notification to be presented for review by the individual and/or an additional individual(s).

The systems and methods therefore offer numerous benefits. In particular, the systems and methods effectively determine how to adjust vehicle components to achieve optimized configurations based on the positioning of individuals within vehicles. Accordingly, operation of the vehicles by the individuals may be safer, more effective, more efficient, and more enjoyable. It should be appreciated that additional benefits are envisioned.

FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of an exemplary system **100** including components and entities configured to facilitate various of the functionalities as discussed herein, in particular detecting abnormal operating conditions and accordingly generating notifications. The system **100** may include both hardware and software components, as well as various data communication channels or links for communicating data between the various hardware and software components, as is described below.

The system **100** may include a vehicle, with an illustration **102** of a portion of the vehicle being shown in FIG. 1 for ease of illustration and explanation. The vehicle may be, for example, an automobile, car, truck, tow truck, snowplow, boat, motorcycle, motorbike, scooter, recreational vehicle, or any other type of vehicle capable of roadway or water travel. According to embodiments, the vehicle may be an autonomous vehicle capable of at least partial (or total) autonomous operation by a computer via the collection and analysis of various sensor data.

As depicted in FIG. 1, an interior of the vehicle may include one or more occupants (generally, individual(s)), such as an operator **114** (and one or more passengers, not shown in FIG. 1); a monitoring device **116**, which may include an image capturing component(s) **118** (e.g., a camera); a mobile computing device **119**; and an infotainment device (or system) **120**. The image capturing component(s) **118** may be configured to capture digital image data (e.g., in the form of one or more image frames) depicting various portions of the interior of the vehicle. For example, the image capturing component(s) **118** may capture image data that depicts a face, a body, and or another portion(s) of the operator **114**. Additionally or alternatively, the image capturing component(s) **118** may capture image data that depicts a body (e.g., a face and/or other portion of a body) of a passenger (not shown in FIG. 1) in a front or rear seat of the vehicle. The monitoring device **116** may be located within or external to the vehicle. The monitoring device **116**

may transmit, to the mobile computing device **119**, any image data captured by the image capturing component(s) **118**.

Each of the monitoring device **116** and the mobile computing device **119** may be any type of electronic device such as a mobile device (e.g., a smartphone), notebook computer, tablet, phablet, GPS (Global Positioning System) or GPS-enabled device, smart watch, smart glasses, smart bracelet, wearable electronic, PDA (personal digital assistants), pager, computing device configured for wireless communication, and/or the like. Further, each of the monitoring device **116** and the mobile computing device **119** may be equipped or configured with a set of sensors, such as a location module (e.g., a GPS chip), an image sensor, an accelerometer, a clock, a gyroscope, a compass, a yaw rate sensor, a tilt sensor, and/or other sensors. In some embodiments or under certain conditions, each of the monitoring device **116** and the mobile computing device **119** may function as thin-client devices that outsource some or most of the processing to one or more of back-end components.

The monitoring device **116** and/or the mobile computing device **119** may belong to or be otherwise associated with the operator **114** (or with another individual located in the vehicle), where the operator **114** may be an owner of the vehicle or otherwise associated with the vehicle. For example, the operator **114** may rent the vehicle for a variable or allotted time period, the operator **114** may at least partially operate the vehicle as part of a rideshare, and/or the operator **114** may have a policy for the vehicle.

The infotainment device **120** may be any suitable device (or system) that may provide suitable and/or desired information and/or entertainment content to one or more occupants, such as the operator **114**. In one example, the infotainment device **120** may include a user interface **122** that may include a set of selections via which the operator **114** or other occupant(s) (such other occupants not being shown in FIG. 1) may access navigation information, driving statistics, traffic information, radio controls, and/or any other suitable information and/or entertainment content. The infotainment device **120** may communicate with the monitoring device **116** and/or the mobile computing device **119**, such as via one or more wired or wireless connections. The infotainment device **120** (and/or another component) may implement a head-up display (HUD) that may be configured to display or project various information (e.g., velocity, heading, ETA, distance, etc.) in a field of view of the operator **114** or another individual. For example, the HUD may project various information on a windshield of the vehicle.

The system **100** may further include a set of back-end components including a computing device(s) **108** and a data storage device(s) **110**. Each of the infotainment device **120**, the monitoring device **116**, and the mobile computing device **119** may communicate with the back-end components via a network(s) **112**. The network(s) **112** may include a proprietary network, a secure public internet, a virtual private network, and/or some other type of network, such as dedicated access lines, plain ordinary telephone lines, satellite links, cellular data networks, combinations of these and/or other types of networks. The network(s) **112** may utilize one or more radio frequency communication links to communicatively connect to any of the infotainment device **120**, the monitoring device **116**, and the mobile computing device **119**. Where the network(s) **112** comprises the Internet or other data packet network, data communications may take place over the network(s) **112** via an Internet or other suitable data packet communication protocol. In some

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arrangements, the network(s) 112 additionally or alternatively includes one or more wired communication links or networks.

The computing device(s) 108 may include one or more servers or computing devices, which may be implemented as a server bank or cloud computing system. The computing device(s) 108 may include one or more computer processors adapted and configured to execute various software applications and components of the system 100, in addition to other software applications. The computing device(s) 108 may interface with the data storage device(s) 110, which may be configured to store data related to the operation of the vehicle and/or the operator 114 (e.g., vehicle operation preferences of the operator 114), the environment and context in which the vehicle is operating, and/or other information. For example, the data storage device(s) 110 may be implemented as a data bank or a cloud data storage system, at least a portion of which may be locally accessed by the computing device(s) 108 using a local access mechanism such as a function call or database access mechanism, and/or at least a portion of which may be remotely accessed by the computing device(s) 108 using a remote access mechanism such as a communication protocol. The computing device(s) 108 may access data stored in the data storage device(s) 110 when executing various functions and tasks associated with the present disclosure.

To communicate with the computing device(s) 108, the infotainment device 120, the monitoring device 116, and/or the mobile computing device 119 may include a communication component(s) that are configured to transmit information to and receive information from the computing device(s) 108. The communication components may include one or more wireless transmitters or transceivers operating at any desired or suitable frequency or frequencies, and according to various communication protocols (e.g., GSM, CDMA, LTE, one or more IEEE 802.11 Standards such as Wi-Fi, WiMAX, BLUETOOTH, etc.).

As illustrated in FIG. 1, a user 104 may have an electronic device 106 capable of communication with other components of the system 100 via the network(s) 112. In particular, the electronic device 106 may communicate with any of the infotainment device 120, the monitoring device 116, the mobile computing device 119, and the computing device(s) 108. According to embodiments, the user 104 may be an individual associated with the vehicle. For example, the user 104 may own the vehicle and/or may be a policyholder of an insurance policy on the vehicle. According to embodiments, the electronic device 106 may be configured to receive and present any notifications, alerts, reports, or the like, as described herein.

Generally, any of the computing device(s) 108, infotainment device 120, monitoring device 116, mobile computing device 119, or electronic device 106 may facilitate various of the functionalities as described herein, for example the image capture and analysis, the alert generation and presentation, the report generation, and/or other functionalities. Thus, the computing device(s) 108, infotainment device 120, monitoring device 116, mobile computing device 119, and/or electronic device 106 may communicate amongst each other and transmit any captured or analyzed data (e.g., the image data).

Generally, the vehicle depicted in FIG. 1 may be equipped or configured with various components that are used or accessible by the operator 114 or another individual(s) within the vehicle. For example, the components may include a steering wheel, a driver's seat, passenger seat(s), a rearview mirror, a HUD, a user interface (e.g., infotain-

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ment or another type of screen(s)), audio controls, climate controls, and/or vehicle operation controls (e.g., knobs, levers, dials, etc.). It should be appreciated that other vehicle components are envisioned, where each vehicle component may be used by any individual, accessible by an individual, or otherwise relevant to the use of the vehicle. Each vehicle component may have a configuration that may be modified or adjusted. For example, a steering wheel has an adjustable height, a HUD has an adjustable display location, and an audio system has adjustable controls. FIG. 2 describes additional functionalities associated with using image analysis to facilitate adjustment of the vehicle components.

FIG. 2 depicts a signal diagram 200 describing certain functionalities associated with the systems and methods. The signal diagram 200 may include one or more image sensors 205, a computing device 210, a vehicle component(s) 211, and a user interface 212. In an implementation, the image sensor(s) 205 may be incorporated in (or separate from) the computing device 210. The image sensor(s) 205 may be disposed within or external to a vehicle capable of operation by an operator, and may be third-party components and/or incorporated within components of the vehicle. The vehicle may transport one or more individuals, including an operator and optionally one or more passengers (or if the vehicle is an autonomous vehicle, each individual may be a passenger).

The user interface 212 may be separate from the computing device 210 and may be located within view of the one or more of the individual(s). The image sensor(s) 205 may be connected to the computing device 210 via one or more wired or wireless connections. The computing device 210 may be local to the vehicle (i.e., may be permanently or temporarily located within the vehicle) or may be remote from the vehicle. Each vehicle component 211 may be used by any individual, accessible by an individual, or otherwise relevant to the use of the vehicle, as discussed herein.

The signal diagram 200 may begin when the computing device 210 optionally requests (222) image data from the image sensor(s) 205. According to embodiments, the computing device 210 may automatically request the image data periodically (e.g., once every ten seconds, once every minute, once every hour), or a user of the computing device 210 (e.g., the operator or a passenger of the vehicle) may cause the computing device 210 to request the image data. Further, the request may include a specified amount of image data (e.g., a number of image frames) and/or a specific time component (e.g., real-time image(s), real-time video, image(s) and/or video recorded five minutes ago).

The image sensor(s) 205 may capture (224) image data, such as according to the request received from the computing device 210. According to embodiments, the image sensor(s) 205 may be positioned so that one or more individuals (e.g., the operator or passenger(s) of the vehicle) are physically within view. In an embodiment, the image sensor(s) 205 may automatically capture the image data continuously or periodically. After capturing the image data, the image sensor(s) 205 may transmit (226) the image data to the computing device 210. In one implementation, the image sensor(s) 205 may automatically send the image data to the computing device 210 in real-time or near real-time as the image sensor(s) 205 captures the image data, and/or in response to a request from the computing device 210. In another implementation, the image sensor(s) 205 may send previously-captured image data to the computing device 210, such as if the image sensor(s) 205 interfaces with some type of memory or storage. It should be appreciated that the

image data may depict one or more individuals (e.g., the operator and/or a passenger(s) of the vehicle).

The computing device **210** may analyze (**228**) the image data, which may include a plurality of individual image frames. In an implementation, the computing device **210** may analyze the image data to determine whether an individual(s) is depicted in the image data. It should be appreciated that the computing device **210** may utilize various image processing techniques to detect whether an individual(s) is depicted in the image data, as discussed herein.

Generally, the computing device **210** may analyze the image data to determine a positioning of the individual(s) within the vehicle. In particular, the computing device **210** may determine a position of various portions of the individual, including a position for each of a head, arms, legs, torso, hip, and/or other portions of the individual(s). In operation, the computing device **210** may map each portion and the location(s) of each portion, such as via 3-D mapping or other imaging techniques. Additionally or alternatively, the computing device **210** may determine, estimate, or calculate dimensions associated with the various portions of the individual. For example, the computing device **210** may estimate a height of the individual based on a size of the individual's head, torso, and/or legs. Additionally or alternatively, the computing device **210** may utilize various image analysis and/or facial recognition techniques to identify the individual(s) and/or estimate an age(s) of the individual(s) depicted in the image data.

Generally, the vehicle component(s) **211** may have an associated configuration. In particular, the configuration may be a positioning(s), a setting(s), and/or the like, where the configuration may be modified or adjusted. For example, a steering wheel may have a configuration that specifies a positioning (e.g., vertical height) of the steering wheel. As another example, an airbag deployment device may have a configuration that specifies a deployment angle and/or velocity. For further example, a driver's seat may have a configuration that specifies a position (vertical, horizontal, and recline), and/or a seat temperature. The computing device **210** may interface with the vehicle component(s) **211** to retrieve (**229**) the configuration information for the vehicle component(s) **211**, which may be representative of a current or real-time configuration of the vehicle component(s) **211**. In an implementation, the computing device **210** may locally store the configuration information after retrieval.

Additionally, an optimized configuration may exist for the vehicle component(s) **211**, based on the physical positioning of the individual, where the vehicle component(s) **211** may be adjusted to meet the optimized configuration. Generally, the optimized configuration may represent an ideal or beneficial configuration, positioning, or arrangement for an interaction or interplay between the individual and the vehicle component **211**. The optimized configuration may be previously specified by a manufacturer or may be dynamically determined by the computing device **210**. For example, a HUD may have an optimized projection location, a rear-view mirror may have an optimized positioning, and/or an airbag may have an optimized deployment angle, based on the height of a driver in the driver's seat. As another example, a user interface may have an optimized rotation angle based on the forward positioning of a driver.

The individual(s) may have a set of preferences that may be locally stored by the computing device **210** or remotely accessed by the computing device **210** via a backend server. Accordingly, when the computing device **210** analyzes the

image data and identifies an individual depicted in the image data (e.g., using a facial recognition technique), the computing device **210** may access the set of preferences for the individual.

The computing device **210** may determine (**230**) whether to facilitate an adjustment to the vehicle component(s) **211**. In performing the determination, the computing device **210** may account for any combination of the configuration information retrieved in (**229**) and the results of the image data analysis. In an embodiment, the computing device **210** may determine, based on the positioning of the individual, an optimized configuration of the vehicle component(s) **211**, and may determine whether and how the configuration information of the vehicle component(s) **211** differs from the optimized configuration. If there is a difference, then the computing device **210** may determine that an adjustment is needed ("YES"), and processing may proceed to (**232**). If there is not a difference, then the computing device **210** may determine that an adjustment is not needed ("NO"), and processing may repeat, end, or proceed to other functionality.

The computing device **210** may additionally account for the preferences of the individual(s) when determining whether to facilitate an adjustment to the vehicle component(s) **211**. In particular, the difference between the configuration information of the vehicle component(s) **211** and the optimized configuration may indicate that an adjustment is not needed, however the configuration of the vehicle component **211** may not match the relevant preference of the individual (thus, the computing device **210** may determine that an adjustment is needed). The preferences of the individual may thus represent an override of or a modification to the optimized configuration.

At (**232**), the computing device **210** may generate an adjustment command that reflects the adjustment needed to the vehicle component **211** to align with the adjustment determined in (**230**). In particular, the adjustment command may reflect how the vehicle component **211** should adjust to meet the optimized configuration, and/or optionally the preference(s) of the individual. For example, the adjustment command may be to move a driver's seat two inches forward. As an additional example, the adjustment command may be to angle a user interface further toward a driver's face.

The computing device **210** may transmit (**234**) the adjustment command to the vehicle component **211**, such as via a wired or wireless connection. Accordingly, the vehicle component **211** may implement (**236**) the adjustment according to the received adjustment command. The vehicle component **211** may thus have a current configuration that matches the optimized configuration, and/or optionally the preference(s) of the individual.

The computing device **210** may generate (**238**) a notification that indicates the adjustment. In embodiments, the notification may be in graphical form (e.g., including text and/or images), or may be in audible form (e.g., automatically generated audio that describes the adjustment).

The computing device **210** may transmit (**240**) the notification to the user interface **212**. After receiving the notification, the user interface **212** may present (**242**) the notification. In particular, the user interface **212** may present the notification either graphically, audibly, or some other form of presentation. Thus, any individual(s) in proximity to the user interface **212** may review the notification and at least be notified of the component adjustment.

Generally, various functionalities associated with the systems and methods are envisioned. The functionalities may

be facilitated or performed by a combination of components discussed herein, such as the image sensor(s) **205**, the computing device **210**, and/or the user interface **212** as discussed with respect to FIG. 2.

In particular, image frames may be captured and monitored for the detection of a depicted face of an individual, and facial detection using facial landmarks may be performed. After facial regions are determined, the components may compute a series of metrics describing facial attributes and movement to determine reference values indicating a normal state of the individual (e.g., over the first 10 frames), which may include the individual's standard posture, facial characteristics, and/or the like. According to embodiments, the reference values may have respective lower bounds and upper bounds.

The components may determine whether a face depicted in the image frames is known. In embodiments, a face recognition module may be configured to identify known and unknown faces. A database, such as a database implemented in a backend computing device, may store images of known faces, where each face may be encoded into a vector of real numbers as a unique feature associated with each face. Additionally, a machine learning algorithm may compare a similarity between encodings of any two faces.

If the similarity between a detected face and a stored (i.e., known) face is below a threshold metric, the detected face may be deemed as unknown or unauthorized and may be indicated as such (e.g., displayed within a red box in a user interface). If the face is known, the components may measure metrics depicted in image frames based on the determined reference values. In particular, the components may analyze subsequent image frames to calculate depicted metrics and compare the calculated metrics to the determined reference values.

Generally, the components may be configured to employ various image analysis techniques to determine an amount of individuals within the vehicle as well as a position of each individual within the vehicle. Additionally or alternatively, the components may employ various image analysis techniques to estimate an age of an individual(s) within the vehicle. In particular, the components may segment out, using a deep learning neural network model from an image frame, a facial region of an individual along with certain facial landmarks. Additionally, the components may measure color and texture information about the skin areas on the face. Further, the components may use an intelligent sliding window algorithm to assess color, texture, and shape information and determine a potential conditions associated with the facial region. The components may further measure how many consecutive image frames maintain a certain detected condition.

The components may also record metric data resulting from the image analysis. In particular, the metric data may indicate any measured metrics, their association with respective thresholds or detected conditions, occurrence times and locations, and/or other data. Additionally, the components may monitor for the vehicle to stop or cease operation, such as if a trip ends, the vehicle is turned off, or other conditions in which the vehicle is no longer operating. The components may generate a driving report after the vehicle is stopped or otherwise after a trip is completed, and where the driving report may include any generated metric data. Further, the driving report may be synced to a designated mobile device for review by an appropriate individual. The driving report may contain a summary of detected vehicle operating conditions, time-evolving graphs of tracked statistics, compari-

sons with driving histories to help operators keep track of their driving patterns, and/or other information.

FIGS. 3A and 3B depict respective example interfaces **305**, **310** associated with processing image frames included in image data, where the image frames depict various positionings of individual(s) located within vehicle(s). The interfaces include a representation of respective image frames as captured by an image sensor. In embodiments, a computing device may be configured to display the interfaces **305**, **310**, where the computing device may or may not be the device that analyzes the image frames. Further, the computing device may analyze the image data associated with the interfaces **305**, **310** to assess the configuration of the vehicle, and in particular the positioning(s) of the individual(s) depicted in the image data, and facilitate any additional processing (e.g., facial recognition techniques). It should be appreciated that the interfaces are merely exemplary, and that additional and alternative content is envisioned.

The computing device may analyze the image data included in the interface **305** of FIG. 3A to determine the presence of an individual **306** operating the vehicle. The computing device may facilitate additional image data processing related to the individual **306**. In particular, the computing device may perform a facial recognition technique to identify the individual **306** and subsequently access a set of preferences of the individual **306**. Additionally, the computing device may determine or map various portions of the body (e.g., arms, head, torso, legs) of the individual **306** as depicted in the image data. Moreover, the computing device may determine a position of the relevant portion(s) of the individual **306** relative to one or more vehicle components. Using the mapped body portions and the determined position(s), the computing device may facilitate various of the vehicle component adjustment functionalities as discussed herein.

Similarly, the computing device may analyze the image data included in the interface **310** of FIG. 3B to determine the presence of an individual **311** operating the vehicle. The computing device may facilitate additional image data processing related to the individual **311**. In particular, the computing device may perform a facial recognition technique to identify the individual **311** and subsequently access a set of preferences of the individual **311**. Additionally, the computing device may determine or map various portions of the body (e.g., arms, head, torso, legs) of the individual **311** as depicted in the image data. Moreover, the computing device may determine a position of the relevant portion(s) of the individual **311** relative to one or more vehicle components. Using the mapped body portions and the determined position(s), the computing device may facilitate various of the vehicle component adjustment functionalities as discussed herein.

As depicted in FIGS. 3A and 3B, the individual **311** is smaller than the individual **306**. Accordingly, the computing device may determine different respective configurations for the respective vehicle components. For example, the rear-view mirror may be adjusted to a lower angle for the individual **311** than for the individual **306**.

FIGS. 4A and 4B depict example interfaces that may be displayed on an electronic device, such as an electronic device that supports the user interface **212** as discussed with respect to FIG. 2. In particular, the electronic device may display the interfaces in response to receiving a notification(s) of an adjustment(s) made to a vehicle com-

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ponent(s). It should be appreciated that the interfaces are merely exemplary, and that additional and alternative content is envisioned.

FIG. 4A illustrates an interface **405** including a notification of an adjustment to an airbag. In particular, the interface **405** indicates that the airbag was automatically adjusted so that it would deploy at an optimal angle and ensure maximum safety. The interface **405** may further include a more info selection **406** that, when selected, may retrieve additional information associated with the airbag adjustment; and an okay selection **407** that, when selected, may cause the interface **405** to be dismissed.

FIG. 4B illustrates an interface **410** including a notification of an adjustment to a head-up display (HUD). In particular, the interface **410** indicates that the HUD was automatically adjusted based on the preferences of the identified individual as well as the individual's positioning within the vehicle. The interface **410** may further include a more info selection **411** that, when selected, may retrieve additional information associated with the HUD adjustment; and an okay selection **412** that, when selected, may cause the interface **410** to be dismissed.

FIG. 5 depicts a block diagram of an example method **500** of configuring a vehicle component within a vehicle. The method **500** may be facilitated by at least one computing device that may be associated with the vehicle, where the computing device may be on board the vehicle. The computing device may be configured to communicate with one or more electronic devices or components, such as one or more image sensors.

The method **500** may begin when the computing device captures and/or accesses (block **505**) image data, where the image data may include a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of the vehicle. According to embodiments, the computing device may access the image data from an external camera or image sensor that may continuously capture the image data, or may include a built-in camera that captures the image data.

The computing device may determine (block **510**), from the plurality of image frames, at least a portion of the image frames that depict an individual located within the vehicle. In embodiments, at least the portion of the image frames may depict multiple individuals located within the vehicle, and/or may depict various body portions of the individual(s).

The computing device may analyze (block **515**) at least the portion of image frames to determining a positioning of the individual. According to embodiments, the computing device may determine a head positioning (or a positioning(s) of other portion(s)) of the individual. The computing device may optionally access (block **520**) a set of preferences associated with the individual, where the set of preferences may be stored locally or remotely. In an implementation, the computing device may utilize a facial recognition technique to identify the individual, and then access the set of preferences associated with the identified individual. Additionally or alternatively, the computing device may analyze at least the portion of image frames to estimate an age of the individual.

The computing device may determine (block **525**), based on the positioning of the individual, an optimized configuration of a vehicle component. Additionally, the computing device may retrieve or access a current configuration of the vehicle component. The computing device may also determine (block **530**) a difference between the current configuration and the optimized configuration of the vehicle component.

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The computing device may determine (block **535**) whether an adjustment to the vehicle component is needed. In embodiments, the computing device may determine that an adjustment is needed with there is a difference between the current configuration and the optimized configuration of the vehicle component. Additionally or alternatively, in determining whether the adjustment is needed, the computing device may account for any combination of the set of preferences of the individual and the estimated age of the individual. If the computing device determines that an adjustment is not needed ("NO"), processing may repeat, end, or proceed to other functionality. If the computing device determines that an adjustment is needed ("YES"), processing may proceed to block **540**.

At block **540**, the computing device may determine, based on the difference (and optionally on the set of preferences of the individual and/or the estimated age of the individual), an adjustment to the configuration of the vehicle component. In an embodiment, the vehicle component may be a dashboard user interface, and the computing device may determine a rotation angle for the dashboard user interface. In another embodiment, the vehicle component may be an airbag, and the computing device may determine a deployment angle for the airbag. In a further embodiment, the vehicle component may be a seat, and the computing device may determine a positioning for the seat.

The computing device may implement (block **545**) the adjustment to the configuration of the vehicle component. In embodiments, the computing device may transmit a set of commands to the vehicle component that the vehicle component may execute to implement the adjustment.

At block **550**, the computing device may generate a notification indicating the adjustment. In embodiments, the notification may indicate textual and/or graphical content that summarizes or identifies the adjustment. The computing device may further present (block **555**), in a user interface, the notification indicating the adjustment.

FIG. 6 illustrates a hardware diagram of an example electronic device **605** (such as the infotainment device **120**, the monitoring device **116**, or the mobile computing device **119** as discussed with respect to FIG. 1, or the computing device **210** as discussed with respect to FIG. 2) and an example computing system **610** (such as the computing device **108** as discussed with respect to FIG. 1), in which the functionalities as discussed herein may be implemented.

The electronic device **605** may include a processor **672** as well as a memory **678**. The memory **678** may store an operating system **679** capable of facilitating the functionalities as discussed herein as well as a set of applications **675** (i.e., machine readable instructions). For example, one of the set of applications **675** may be an image analysis application **690** configured to facilitate various of the functionalities as discussed herein. It should be appreciated that one or more other applications **692** are envisioned, such as an autonomous vehicle operation application.

The processor **672** may interface with the memory **678** to execute the operating system **679** and the set of applications **675**. According to some embodiments, the memory **678** may also include image data **680** including data accessed or collected from image sensor(s). The memory **678** may include one or more forms of volatile and/or non-volatile, fixed and/or removable memory, such as read-only memory (ROM), electronic programmable read-only memory (EPROM), random access memory (RAM), erasable electronic programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), and/or other hard drives, flash memory, MicroSD cards, and others.

The electronic device **605** may further include a communication module **677** configured to communicate data via one or more networks **620**. According to some embodiments, the communication module **677** may include one or more transceivers (e.g., WWAN, WLAN, and/or WPAN transceivers) functioning in accordance with IEEE standards, 3GPP standards, or other standards, and configured to receive and transmit data via one or more external ports **676**. For example, the communication module **677** may interface with another device, component, or sensors via the network(s) **620** to retrieve sensor data.

The electronic device **605** may include a set of sensors **671** such as, for example, a location module (e.g., a GPS chip), an image sensor, an accelerometer, a clock, a gyroscope, a compass, a yaw rate sensor, a tilt sensor, telematics sensors, and/or other sensors. The electronic device **605** may further include a user interface **681** configured to present information to a user and/or receive inputs from the user. As shown in FIG. 6, the user interface **681** may include a display screen **682** and I/O components **683** (e.g., ports, capacitive or resistive touch sensitive input panels, keys, buttons, lights, LEDs). According to some embodiments, the user may access the electronic device **605** via the user interface **681** to review information such as alerts or notifications, make selections, and/or perform other functions. Additionally, the electronic device **605** may include a speaker **673** configured to output audio data and a microphone **674** configured to detect audio.

In some embodiments, the electronic device **605** may perform the functionalities as discussed herein as part of a “cloud” network or may otherwise communicate with other hardware or software components within the cloud to send, retrieve, or otherwise analyze data.

As illustrated in FIG. 6, the electronic device **605** may communicate and interface with the computing system **610** via the network(s) **620**. The computing system **610** may include a processor **659** as well as a memory **656**. The memory **656** may store an operating system **657** capable of facilitating the functionalities as discussed herein as well as a set of applications **651** (i.e., machine readable instructions). For example, one of the set of applications **651** may be an image analysis application **652** configured to facilitate various of the functionalities discussed herein. It should be appreciated that one or more other applications **653** are envisioned.

The processor **659** may interface with the memory **656** to execute the operating system **657** and the set of applications **651**. According to some embodiments, the memory **656** may also include image data **658**, such as image data that is transmitted to the computing system **610** from the electronic device **605**. The memory **656** may include one or more forms of volatile and/or non-volatile, fixed and/or removable memory, such as read-only memory (ROM), electronic programmable read-only memory (EPROM), random access memory (RAM), erasable electronic programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), and/or other hard drives, flash memory, MicroSD cards, and others.

The computing system **610** may further include a communication module **655** configured to communicate data via the one or more networks **620**. According to some embodiments, the communication module **655** may include one or more transceivers (e.g., WWAN, WLAN, and/or WPAN transceivers) functioning in accordance with IEEE standards, 3GPP standards, or other standards, and configured to receive and transmit data via one or more external ports **654**. For example, the communication module **655** may receive, from the electronic device **605**, a set(s) of image data.

The computing device **610** may further include a user interface **662** configured to present information to a user and/or receive inputs from the user. As shown in FIG. 6, the user interface **662** may include a display screen **663** and I/O components **664** (e.g., ports, capacitive or resistive touch sensitive input panels, keys, buttons, lights, LEDs). According to some embodiments, the user may access the computing device **610** via the user interface **662** to review information, make changes, input training data, and/or perform other functions.

In some embodiments, the computing device **610** may perform the functionalities as discussed herein as part of a “cloud” network or may otherwise communicate with other hardware or software components within the cloud to send, retrieve, or otherwise analyze data.

In general, a computer program product in accordance with an embodiment may include a computer usable storage medium (e.g., standard random access memory (RAM), an optical disc, a universal serial bus (USB) drive, or the like) having computer-readable program code embodied therein, wherein the computer-readable program code may be adapted to be executed by the processors **672**, **659** (e.g., working in connection with the respective operating systems **679**, **657**) to facilitate the functions as described herein. In this regard, the program code may be implemented in any desired language, and may be implemented as machine code, assembly code, byte code, interpretable source code or the like (e.g., via Golang, Python, Scala, C, C++, Java, Actionscript, Objective-C, Javascript, CSS, XML). In some embodiments, the computer program product may be part of a cloud network of resources.

Although the following text sets forth a detailed description of numerous different embodiments, it should be understood that the legal scope of the invention may be defined by the words of the claims set forth at the end of this patent. The detailed description is to be construed as exemplary only and does not describe every possible embodiment, as describing every possible embodiment would be impractical, if not impossible. One could implement numerous alternate embodiments, using either current technology or technology developed after the filing date of this patent, which would still fall within the scope of the claims.

Throughout this specification, plural instances may implement components, operations, or structures described as a single instance. Although individual operations of one or more methods are illustrated and described as separate operations, one or more of the individual operations may be performed concurrently, and nothing requires that the operations be performed in the order illustrated. Structures and functionality presented as separate components in example configurations may be implemented as a combined structure or component. Similarly, structures and functionality presented as a single component may be implemented as separate components. These and other variations, modifications, additions, and improvements fall within the scope of the subject matter herein.

Additionally, certain embodiments are described herein as including logic or a number of routines, subroutines, applications, or instructions. These may constitute either software (e.g., code embodied on a non-transitory, machine-readable medium) or hardware. In hardware, the routines, etc., are tangible units capable of performing certain operations and may be configured or arranged in a certain manner. In example embodiments, one or more computer systems (e.g., a standalone, client or server computer system) or one or more hardware modules of a computer system (e.g., a processor or a group of processors) may be configured by

software (e.g., an application or application portion) as a hardware module that operates to perform certain operations as described herein.

In various embodiments, a hardware module may be implemented mechanically or electronically. For example, a hardware module may comprise dedicated circuitry or logic that may be permanently configured (e.g., as a special-purpose processor, such as a field programmable gate array (FPGA) or an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC)) to perform certain operations. A hardware module may also comprise programmable logic or circuitry (e.g., as encompassed within a general-purpose processor or other programmable processor) that may be temporarily configured by software to perform certain operations. It will be appreciated that the decision to implement a hardware module mechanically, in dedicated and permanently configured circuitry, or in temporarily configured circuitry (e.g., configured by software) may be driven by cost and time considerations.

Accordingly, the term “hardware module” should be understood to encompass a tangible entity, be that an entity that is physically constructed, permanently configured (e.g., hardwired), or temporarily configured (e.g., programmed) to operate in a certain manner or to perform certain operations described herein. Considering embodiments in which hardware modules are temporarily configured (e.g., programmed), each of the hardware modules need not be configured or instantiated at any one instance in time. For example, where the hardware modules comprise a general-purpose processor configured using software, the general-purpose processor may be configured as respective different hardware modules at different times. Software may accordingly configure a processor, for example, to constitute a particular hardware module at one instance of time and to constitute a different hardware module at a different instance of time.

Hardware modules may provide information to, and receive information from, other hardware modules. Accordingly, the described hardware modules may be regarded as being communicatively coupled. Where multiple of such hardware modules exist contemporaneously, communications may be achieved through signal transmission (e.g., over appropriate circuits and buses) that connect the hardware modules. In embodiments in which multiple hardware modules are configured or instantiated at different times, communications between such hardware modules may be achieved, for example, through the storage and retrieval of information in memory structures to which the multiple hardware modules have access. For example, one hardware module may perform an operation and store the output of that operation in a memory device to which it may be communicatively coupled. A further hardware module may then, at a later time, access the memory device to retrieve and process the stored output. Hardware modules may also initiate communications with input or output devices, and may operate on a resource (e.g., a collection of information).

The various operations of example methods described herein may be performed, at least partially, by one or more processors that are temporarily configured (e.g., by software) or permanently configured to perform the relevant operations. Whether temporarily or permanently configured, such processors may constitute processor-implemented modules that operate to perform one or more operations or functions. The modules referred to herein may, in some example embodiments, comprise processor-implemented modules.

Similarly, the methods or routines described herein may be at least partially processor-implemented. For example, at

least some of the operations of a method may be performed by one or more processors or processor-implemented hardware modules. The performance of certain of the operations may be distributed among the one or more processors, not only residing within a single machine, but deployed across a number of machines. In some example embodiments, the processor or processors may be located in a single location (e.g., within a home environment, an office environment, or as a server farm), while in other embodiments the processors may be distributed across a number of locations.

The performance of certain of the operations may be distributed among the one or more processors, not only residing within a single machine, but deployed across a number of machines. In some example embodiments, the one or more processors or processor-implemented modules may be located in a single geographic location (e.g., within a home environment, an office environment, or a server farm). In other example embodiments, the one or more processors or processor-implemented modules may be distributed across a number of geographic locations.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, discussions herein using words such as “processing,” “computing,” “calculating,” “determining,” “presenting,” “displaying,” or the like may refer to actions or processes of a machine (e.g., a computer) that manipulates or transforms data represented as physical (e.g., electronic, magnetic, or optical) quantities within one or more memories (e.g., volatile memory, non-volatile memory, or a combination thereof), registers, or other machine components that receive, store, transmit, or display information.

As used herein any reference to “one embodiment” or “an embodiment” means that a particular element, feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment may be included in at least one embodiment. The appearances of the phrase “in one embodiment” in various places in the specification are not necessarily all referring to the same embodiment.

As used herein, the terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “may include,” “including,” “has,” “having” or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements is not necessarily limited to only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus. Further, unless expressly stated to the contrary, “or” refers to an inclusive or and not to an exclusive or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B are true (or present).

In addition, use of the “a” or “an” are employed to describe elements and components of the embodiments herein. This is done merely for convenience and to give a general sense of the description. This description, and the claims that follow, should be read to include one or at least one and the singular also may include the plural unless it is obvious that it is meant otherwise.

This detailed description is to be construed as examples and does not describe every possible embodiment, as describing every possible embodiment would be impractical, if not impossible. One could implement numerous alternate embodiments, using either current technology or technology developed after the filing date of this application.

The patent claims at the end of this patent application are not intended to be construed under 35 U.S.C. § 112(f) unless traditional means-plus-function language is expressly recited, such as “means for” or “step for” language being

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explicitly recited in the claim(s). The systems and methods described herein are directed to an improvement to computer functionality, and improve the functioning of conventional computers.

What is claimed is:

1. A system for configuring components of a vehicle, comprising:

an image sensor;

a vehicle component having a first configuration;

a non-transitory memory storing a set of computer-executable instructions; and

a processor configured to execute the computer-executable instructions to cause the processor to:

cause the image sensor to capture image data, the image data comprising a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of the vehicle,

determine, from the plurality of image frames, a particular image frame that depicts an individual located within the vehicle,

determine, based on a position of the individual, as illustrated in the particular image frame, a second configuration of the vehicle component different from the first configuration,

determine, based on a difference between the first configuration and the second configuration, that an adjustment to the first configuration is needed,

based on determining that the adjustment is needed, generate a configuration adjustment command based on the difference and a preference of the individual, cause the vehicle component to execute the configuration adjustment command, wherein execution of the configuration adjustment command results in the adjustment to the first configuration, and

generate a driving report corresponding to a trip during which the vehicle component was utilized with the adjustment to the first configuration, the driving report including a summary of operating conditions of the vehicle during the trip.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the driving report further comprises at least one of:

tracked statistics associated with the operating conditions; or

comparisons of driving histories associated with the individual.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the processor is further configured to perform at least one of:

updating a driving pattern associated with the individual, or

synchronizing the driving report with data stored in a computing device.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further configured to:

determine, using a machine learning algorithm and based on the particular image frame, that the individual located within the vehicle is an authorized individual.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein determining that the individual located within the vehicle is an authorized individual further comprises:

accessing, from a database, images associated with a set of authorized individuals, and

determining, by using the images associated with the set of authorized individuals and the particular image frame as inputs to the machine learning algorithm, that the individual located within the vehicle is the authorized individual, including:

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determining similarities between a face of the individual located within the vehicle and the faces of the set of authorized individuals, and

in response to one of the similarities satisfying a threshold, determining that the individual located within the vehicle is the authorized individual.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein each face of the set of authorized individuals is encoded into a vector to represent a feature associated with each face, and the processor is further configured to:

determine the similarity between an encoding of the face of the individual located within the vehicle and encodings of the faces of the set of authorized individuals; and

in response to the similarity satisfying the threshold, determine that the individual located within the vehicle is the authorized individual.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the vehicle component is a dashboard including a user interface, and the adjustment to the first configuration includes adjusting an angle of the dashboard.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the vehicle component is an airbag, and the adjustment to the first configuration includes at least one of:

adjusting a deployment angle for the airbag, or adjusting an ejection velocity for the airbag.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein the vehicle component is a seat, and the adjustment to the first configuration includes at least one of:

adjusting a position of the seat comprising at least one of a vertical position, a horizontal position, or a recline position, or

adjusting a seat temperature.

10. A method for configuring a vehicle component, the method comprising:

causing an image sensor to capture image data, the image data comprising a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of a vehicle;

determining, from the plurality of image frames, an image frame that depicts an individual located within the vehicle;

obtaining a current configuration of the vehicle component;

determining, based on a position of the individual, as illustrated in a particular image frame, a second configuration of the vehicle component different from the current configuration;

determining, based on a difference between the current configuration and the second configuration, that an adjustment to the current configuration is needed;

based on determining that the adjustment is needed, generating a configuration adjustment command based on the difference and a preference of the individual;

causing the vehicle component to execute the configuration adjustment command, wherein execution of the command results in the adjustment to the current configuration; and

generating a driving report corresponding to a trip during which the vehicle component was utilized with the adjustment to the current configuration, the driving report characterizing the preference of the individual and including a summary of operating conditions of the vehicle during the trip.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein determining, based on a position of the individual, as illustrated in a particular

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image frame, a second configuration of the vehicle component different from the current configuration further comprises:

determining, based on the position of the individual located within the vehicle, a head position of the individual.

12. The method of claim **11**, wherein determining, based on a position of the individual, as illustrated in a particular image frame, a second configuration of the vehicle component different from the first configuration further comprises:

determining, based on the head position of the individual, the second configuration of the vehicle component.

13. The method of claim **10**, wherein the vehicle component includes at least one of a dashboard including a user interface, an airbag, or a seat, and causing the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the current configuration includes at least one of:

adjusting an angle of the dashboard,
adjusting a deployment angle for the airbag, or
adjusting a position of the seat.

14. The method of claim **10**, further comprising:
generating a notification indicating the adjustment of the current configuration of the vehicle component; and
causing a user interface to present the notification.

15. A non-transitory computer-readable memory storing instructions for configuring a vehicle component that, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to:

cause an image sensor to capture image data, the image data comprising a plurality of image frames depicting an interior of a vehicle;

determine, from the plurality of image frames, an image frame that depicts an individual located within the vehicle;

determine, based on a position of the individual, as illustrated in the image frame, a desired configuration of the vehicle component;

obtain a set of preferences associated with the individual; determine, based on the desired configuration and the set of preferences, that an adjustment to a current configuration of the vehicle component is needed;

generate, based on determining that the adjustment to the current configuration is needed, a configuration adjustment command; and

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cause the vehicle component to execute the configuration adjustment command, wherein execution of the command results in the adjustment to the current configuration,

wherein the vehicle component includes a dashboard, and the adjustment to the current configuration includes adjusting an angle of the dashboard.

16. The non-transitory computer-readable memory of claim **15**, wherein the instructions further cause the one or more processors to:

generate a driving report corresponding to a trip during which the vehicle component was utilized with the adjustment to the current configuration, the driving report characterizing the set of preferences associated with the individual.

17. The non-transitory computer-readable memory of claim **15**, wherein the vehicle component includes at least one of an airbag, or a seat, and causing the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the current configuration includes at least one of:

adjusting a deployment angle for the airbag, or
adjusting a position of the seat.

18. The non-transitory computer-readable memory of claim **15**, wherein the instructions further cause the one or more processors to:

analyze, using an image analysis technique, the plurality of image frames to estimate an age of the individual; and

determine, based on the position of the individual located within the vehicle and the age of the individual, the desired configuration of the vehicle component.

19. The method of claim **13**, wherein the vehicle component is the airbag, and causing the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the current configuration further includes:

adjusting an ejection velocity for the airbag.

20. The method of claim **13**, wherein the vehicle component is the seat, and causing the vehicle component to implement the adjustment to the current configuration further includes:

adjusting a seat temperature.

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